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Applicant : Richard Greven

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This is in response to the February 27, 2003 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121).

Please find enclosed a clean version and a marked-up version of the replacement paragraphs and amended claims to the amendment filed on February 12, 2003.

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CLEAN VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS AND AMENDED CLAIMS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 12, lines 23-29,

E1
The honeycomb core 26 which is conformably shaped for water borne dynamic movement of the aquatic sports board 10, can also be provided from commercially available, semi-rigid, thermosetting honeycomb material such as Nomex honeycomb, a honeycomb paper product available from the Kraft Paper Company, or other appropriate honeycomb material that can be deformed and contoured to a predetermined, fixed shape.

Page 13, lines 9-10,

E2
With particular reference to Figs. 3-11 and occasional reference to Figs. 1 and 2, the method of the present inventive method generally comprises:

Page 18, lines 10-17,

E3
Although the present invention has been described with particularity and in considerable detail with specific reference to aquatic sports boards, it should be expressly understood that this has been presented to be only exemplary and illustrative of the invention. As stated several times hereinabove, the present invention is equally applicable to produce other complex shaped articles such as aerodynamic and hydrodynamic air foils. Thus, it will be apparent to one skilled in this art that changes and modifications can be made herein without departing from the scope and spirit of the invention.

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CLEAN VERSION (cont'd)

IN THE CLAIMS:

11. ~~X~~ (Amended) A method for producing complex ~~shapes~~ shaped articles comprising:

a. Trimming, cutting and shaping a honeycomb core to a desired size and shape, said honeycomb core having a top surface, a bottom surface, a front end and opposed sides;

b. Deforming said honeycomb core at ambient temperature by abutting said honeycomb core against a mold to impart a contoured shape along the longitudinal axis between said front and rear ends and across the transverse axis between said opposed sides of said honeycomb core; and

c. Permanently setting the shape of said honeycomb core by securing molds to said opposed sides whereby a contoured arc is defined in said honeycomb core extending along said longitudinal axis and a contoured arc is defined extending across said transverse axis.